

June 12, 1918.

Dear Sir,--

Your letter of the 5th instant, addressed to His Excellency the Governor General, has been referred to this Department.

With reference to your statement that the Six Nation Indians are not citizens, I would draw your attention to the fact that the Department has frequently pointed out that the Six Nation Indians are British subjects, and therefore citizens.

The Order in Council exempting Indians from military service has reference to combatant service only, and Indians may at any time be called upon for non-combatant service under the Military Service Act.

I would further point out that national registration has nothing to do with conscription, and that it is not the intention to make any special regulations with regard to Indians in respect thereto.

Incl.

I inclose for your information copies of a circular

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Secretary, Six Nations Council,
117 Chestnut Avenue,
Brantford, Ont.

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